

Sunday Headlines

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Immigrant Welcome Center
Connect. Cultivate. Succeed.

Volunteers from LifeJourney will help staff the Saturday March 24 "Give-Away Day" for the Immigrant Welcome Center (IWC) that will take place from 9 am to noon at Wesley United Methodist Church, 3425 W. 30th Street. We will set up and monitor tables full of essential items donated to IWC and free to brand new immigrants. For more info, fill out the response form.

Revelation Discipleship Course!

Do you have memories of reading the book of Revelation and being scared, confused, put off, or all three at once? In this 5-week Discipleship course, we will journey through Revelation, explore several different interpretations, unlock its mysteries, and discuss its original impact.

The course will be led by Alex Pittaway based on a similar class he recently took at Christian Theological Seminary. When we're finished, instead of fearing the book, you may just find it to be a source of peace and hope, as we discover things you've never understood before hidden deep in ancient Biblical language and symbols. We'll have guest speakers, interactive classes, and most of all a sense of adventure and fun!

The course will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for five weeks starting April 4. Registrants must commit to attend all 5 sessions unless sick or out of town. There will be a \$15 registration fee due in the first class, but that fee will be waived automatically for anyone who feels financially stretched. To register, complete the response form on the back of today's bulletin.

Board of Directors Meeting

This Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in Room 7
Meetings are open to all to attend.

Renew Yourself this Spring!

Join Pastors Vivian and David for a weekend prayer retreat, April 6-8. Registration must be received by March 18. Information packets are available at the Welcome Desk or complete the response form to be contacted with more details.



New Family Life Minister

In December we launched a national search for a Family Life Minister, with the goal of hiring someone whose highest passion is to minister to our children, youth, and families—and who has the skill, experience, spirituality, and character to lead and grow our children, youth, and family ministries. This is a brand new position at LifeJourney. Previously our children, youth, and family ministries were part of a position that included many other unrelated responsibilities. We believe the time is right to have a position that focuses exclusively on children, youth, and parents.

Our job posting was published in early December on multiple national church websites, with MCC, and with about 8 seminaries and Christian colleges. Those postings were renewed in January for an additional 30 days. During that time, we received 47 requests for application materials. Thirteen of those individuals submitted full applications. After careful review, extensive interviews, reference checks, and a lot of prayer, we have found an absolutely awesome person to fill this new role.

Chris Edwards' first Sunday at LifeJourney will be April 1—Easter Sunday! Here is a quick summary of why we're so excited about Chris:



Professional Experience

- 18 years of exceptional experience ministering to children, youth, and parents in diverse roles.
- Family Life Minister at two prior churches with thriving children, youth, and family programs.
- Gifted at developing curriculum for children, youth, and parents.
- Has successfully managed large teams and programs with positive cultures.
- Served as a Social Worker III in North Carolina, classified as a Qualified Mental Health Professional and Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional.
- Recruited, trained, and mentored foster care parents for a Christian foster care agency.
- Guided programs for at-risk youth with learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and addictions.
- Served several years as a YMCA Camp Director and a lead teacher for preschoolers.
- Certified in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention, Clinical First Aid, and taught Crisis Prevention to parents and youth workers as an Advanced Instructor with the Crisis Prevention Institute.

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Sunday Worship Service

Worship Theme:

The Beauty of Christ - Living in Me

Key Verse:

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins and the wine is lost. . . .” *Mark 2:22.*

Order of Service

Welcome

Songs: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise /
Be Glorified
Great Are You Lord*

Affirmation

Connection Moment

Offering Invitation

Song: *God's Grace*

Blessing of our Offering, Gifts & Resources

Song: *For the One*

Prayer

Scripture: *Mark 2:14-22*

Sermon: *Jesus' Most Puzzling Parable*
Rev. Jeff Miner

Communion (9:30 Service in Room 9, 11:00 Service in Sanctuary)

Closing Song: *The Church's One Foundation*

Closing & Benediction

Our Communion With God (11:00 Service)

Silent Confession

General Confession: God, I don't want to live in a cramped religion defined by legalistic rule-keeping. I want to embrace the fullness of what Jesus taught. I want to experience the freedom and exhilaration of applying the highest spiritual values to each situation as guided by the Spirit. Give me the courage to follow Jesus. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

Proclamation of our Faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ is here now, and Christ will come again. Alleluia!

Distribution of the Elements

If this is your first time with us: You are welcome to receive Holy Communion (or simply observe). You can take Communion alone, or with friends or family. Ushers will release rows and direct you to a server. The server will offer you the wafer dipped in juice with a prayer. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the side aisle. If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. **Gluten free** communion wafers are now available, upon request for those with dietary restrictions.

Welcome to LifeJourney!

Married, divorced, and single here, It's one family that mingles here.

Conservative and liberal here, We've all gotta give a little here.

Big and small here, There's room for us all here.

Doubt and believe here, We all can receive here.

Gay, trans, and straight here, There's no hate here.

Woman and man here, Everyone can here.

Each and every gender here, In all their splendor here.

Whatever your race here, For all of us, grace here.

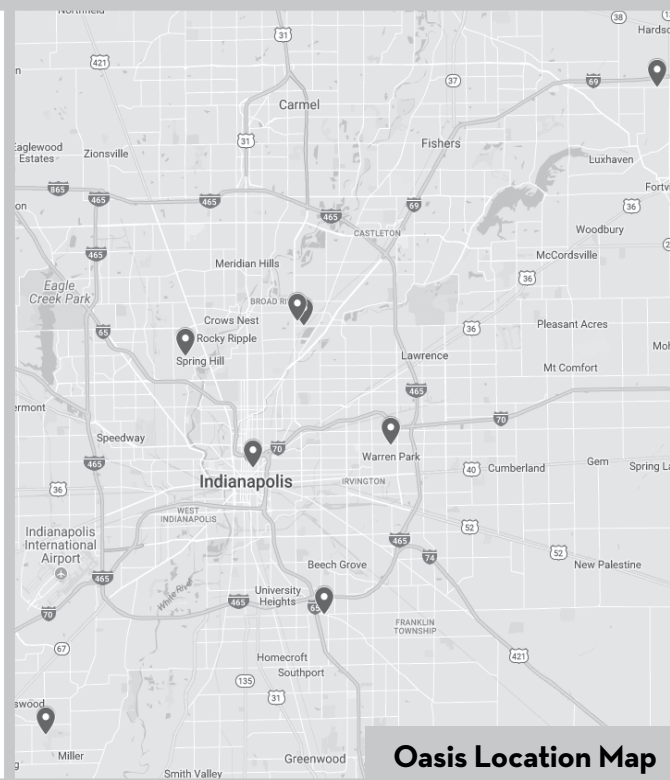
Christ above us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

Amen.

Oasis Meeting Times...

- Oasis groups are small groups that meet regularly for friendship, support, study, and prayer. This is a great way to make connections!
- Groups are open to everyone and meet evenings at 7:00 pm in various locations. (Crossed out exceptions noted below and on the calendar.)
- No registration is required. If you're new, it's suggested you contact the church office to ensure times/locations have not changed due to special events or unforeseen circumstances.

- MON:** Book Club Oasis, Room 8.
Pendleton Oasis, 9479 W Campfire Dr., Pendleton.
New Castle Oasis, 205 S 21st St., New Castle.
- TUE:** Eastside Oasis, 1440 N. Edmondson Ave., Indianapolis.
Journey through the Bible Oasis, Room 6.
Mornings with God Oasis, Cafe at 10:00 am.
Westside Oasis, 4465 Clover Dr., Indianapolis.
- WED:** F•R•I•E•N•D•S Oasis, Room 7.
- THU:** Broad Ripple Oasis, 2525 Dell Zell Dr., Indianapolis.
Downtown Oasis, 225 E North St. #2500, Indianapolis.
Southwest Oasis, 6561 Walton Dr. N, Camby.
Southside Oasis, 3905 Shelbyville Rd., Indianapolis at 6:30 pm.
Thursday Evening Oasis, Room 6.



Oasis Location Map

The Week Ahead...

- Today**
- 9:30 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 9:30 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:00 am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 11:00 am LJC Kids! (Age 2-5th grade), Main St. Station (Rm 1-4)
 - 11:00 am The Bridge 2.0 (6-8 grade), Main St. Station (Rm 5)
 - 11:00 am Teen Life (9-12 grade), The Loft (Room 10)
 - 1:00 pm Creative Care Team, Room 8
- Monday**
- 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Room 6
- Tuesday**
- 6:00 pm PFLAG (Open Meeting), Cafe
 - 7:00 pm Board of Directors, Room 7
- Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Big Book AA Meeting, Room 8
 - 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thursday**
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 - 7:00 pm Discipleship 101 (Registration Required), Room 7
 - 7:00 pm Grief Share, Room 8
- Friday**
- 7:00 pm Euchre Tournament, Cafe
 - 7:00 pm Women's AA Meeting, Room 6
 - 8:00 pm Gay Men's AA Meeting, Room 7
- Saturday**
- 8:00 am Homeless Ministry, serves Dayspring Center

See the new and improved events calendar at:
<http://LifeJourney.church/events-calendar>

Last Week's Numbers...

9:30 am Service Attendance	121
11:00 am Service Attendance	190
Oasis & Discipleship Attendance	119
General Offering: Last Week	\$9,530
Weekly Average: Thirteen Week Average	\$8,493
Budget Goal: * Weekly	\$8,897

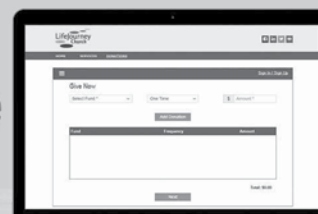
* When giving meets our budget goal, we are able to fully fund our ministries. When giving falls short, cuts are made to avoid deficit spending.

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Spencer James,
Operations Minister
Vivian Ampy, Pastor

Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay

Jill Cheviron, a member of LifeJourney, will be moving to San Fransisco as she embarks on a new job opportunity. Jill served on the Global Outreach Board and was a member of the Campus Services Ministry, just to name a few. Please wish her well on her journey.

Reserve Your Easter Lilies

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their alters and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.



If you would like to commemorate this tradition and/or honor someone special this Easter, please reserve your personal Easter Lily for Easter Sunday. (After service, you can take home your Lily.) Complete the response form and return it to Pastor Vivian or Spencer with \$10 payment attached. Do not deposit payments into offering basket or Welcome Center. Reservations will be accepted through March 25.

Spring Family Kick Off!

LifeJourney Church is planning the *Spring Family Kick Off!* after church on Sunday April 8—to give our parents, guardians, teachers, children, and youth a chance to meet our New Family Life Minister. The festivities will include a light luncheon, balloon sculpting, bounce house, crafts, and games. To make all that happen, we need to assemble a team of volunteers to plan and execute the event. Could you be part of the team? If so, please fill out the response form in today's bulletin and Team Lead, Lynne Kaminski, will be in touch!

Yes! I'd like to respond to these articles:

RSVP and/or More Info:

- Immigrant Welcome Center
- Revelation Discipleship Course
- Spring Prayer Retreat Info
- LJC *Spring Family Kick Off!* Volunteer
- Easter Lilly (Honoring: _____)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the Welcome Center.

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Education

- Master's in Theological Studies.
- Bachelor's in Ministry.
- Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician.

Personal Background

- 38 years old, currently living in North Carolina.
- Married 6 years to his wife Jill.
- Father of a 17-year old step daughter that he raised from birth.
- He became a follower of Jesus as a teenager.
- Since then he has had an eclectic church background that includes: United Church of Christ, Christian Missionary Alliance, Vineyard, Celtic, Full Gospel, and nondenominational churches.
- Strong sense of calling to child, youth, and family ministry as his highest career goal, not a stepping stone to something else.
- Has visited our church over two weekends and is very passionate about our calling to be a church that is centered on Jesus and the Scriptures, celebrates diversity, and welcomes all people. He comes from a UCC church with LGBT leadership and a focus on diversity and inclusion.
- Hobbies include Aikido (defensive martial arts), cello, biking, and a St. Bernard named Deojee.

Those who know Chris well describe him as someone who is gentle and warm, builds deep relationships with children and parents, has a great work ethic, and always goes above and beyond. His current supervising pastor, Rev. Sarah Wilcox, described him as having a warm "teddy bear" personality. Chris' foster agency supervisor describes him as "the best trainer of parents I've ever seen."

Chris has a vision and passion for working holistically with our families. He says, "I really enjoy creating programs that help families to live and talk about their faith in the home setting as well as at church. I believe it is important for the family to walk out their faith together instead of in isolation. I enjoy loving on families and helping them work through things together."

Chris is excited about helping LifeJourney create an intentional strategy for how to support and grow the souls of our children from cradle to graduation, and weave that together with equipping and supporting our parents. We can't wait till Chris begins on April 1—Easter Sunday morning!

GIVE UP YOUR PANTS

for the Lenten Season



Still trying to decide what to sacrifice this Lent? Well consider donating a pair of your pants—or two or three. Your small sacrifice will directly benefit the homeless in Indianapolis.

All sizes of men and women pants are in short supply, please donate.